

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**March 15, 2026**

Song: **780** – *We Praise Thee, O God*

Song: **26** – *To God Be the Glory*

First prayer: **Brian Zumalt**

Song: **99** – *Night, With Ebon Pinion*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt & Chrishawn Thompson**

Prayer for giving: **Mernie Ray**

Song: **706** – *Love Lifted Me*

Sermon: *“The Colossian Heresy” (Col. 2)* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **471** – *Who Will Follow Jesus?*

Closing song: **389** – *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Closing prayer: **Adam Bentley**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Mernie’s sisters-in-law: Kathy Ray (eyesight) and Fannie Ray
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

**Please continue to remember:** Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren ([www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495](http://www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495))
- [www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist](http://www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist)

**RECORD FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2026**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Bible Class – 14    AM Worship – 15    Sun PM – 13    DBR – 5    Wed (3/11) – 14

Contribution – \$1561

# Yukon Church of Christ

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**Sunday Bible class:** 9am    **Worship** 10am & 12:30pm    **Wednesday Bible class:** 7pm

**Matthew 9:37-38** *“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”*

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### “WITHOUT EXCUSE”

#### Part Four

Many have attempted and will in the future attempt to excuse themselves as to why they have failed to know and obey God. But whether the attempted excuse be “I didn’t know,” “I couldn’t help it,” “I couldn’t understand the Bible,” “I had other obligations,” “I was afraid,” or “Everybody else is doing it,” the attempts all fall flat.

**“Everybody else is doing worse” is not an excuse.** Others, some well aware that the way of the multitude is the way of destruction, find assurance of their salvation simply because they are not as wicked as others are. They view themselves as good, decent people, and thus believe that heaven is theirs. They often contrast their own goodness with the worst of humanity, such as Hitler, Stalin, or Osama bin Laden. They may even be able to correctly esteem their own morality and generosity above that of many professed Christians they know. However, no human being other than Jesus Christ will ever enter final glory on the basis of his own moral goodness, as *“all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23).

To consider oneself pleasing to God based upon his moral superiority to others is to manifest the haughty spirit and flawed understanding of a certain Pharisee: *“The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I*

*fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess”* (Luke 18:11-12). The claims he made for himself were evidently true. His morality exceeded all those others he named, at least regarding those particular matters. Nonetheless, Jesus said that this Pharisee returned from his prayer unjustified, with his future expectation being a deserved humbling at the hand of a displeased God (verse 14). This is not to diminish the importance of righteous living (Ephesians 4:22-32; Titus 2:12-14; 1 Peter 2:11-12), but true righteousness is never measured relative to the unrighteousness of others.

To consider oneself pleasing to God based upon his moral superiority to others is to use a flawed standard. God’s word is the only correct standard of righteousness (Psalm 119:172; John 12:48; Romans 10:3-4). And it is only by obeying that standard that one can be found in Jesus Christ, and thereby set right with God (Romans 6:17; Galatians 3:26-27; 6:15-16; Hebrews 5:8-9).

*For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise* (2 Corinthians 10:12).

**“I was taught differently” is not an excuse.** Not everyone has been blessed with growing up in a true Christian home. Actually, the percentage of people who have is quite small. We live in a world where people teach and are taught a wide spectrum of religious and irreligious doctrines. Some are taught that the God of the Bible is the true God; others are taught that Allah is God; and others are taught that there is no God. Some are taught that Christ died for His church; others are taught that one should choose from a number of manmade denominations; and others are taught that religion should be entirely personal and private. Some are taught that one must worship in spirit and in truth; others are taught that one can worship any way not explicitly forbidden in Scripture; and others are taught that any and all efforts at worship are pleasing to God, regardless of what Scripture teaches. One could go on with the role of baptism, the necessity of works to salvation, whether one can lose his salvation, and countless other matters that are diversely taught and learned. As a result, many are led to believe throughout their entire lives things that simply are not true.

However, regardless of what one has been taught, he can continue to learn. Saul of Tarsus had a faulty understanding: *“I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth”* (Acts 26:9). Saul was

living out what Jesus had warned that people would do to His followers: *“They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service”* (John 16:2). Operating under this faulty understanding, Saul participated in the deaths of Christians with an entirely clear conscience (Acts 7:58; 26:10; 23:1). Saul had been trained in Jerusalem *“at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers”* (22:3; cf. 5:34). He had been thoroughly indoctrinated, and was *“more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers”* than were his similarly rabid Jewish contemporaries (Galatians 1:14).

Despite Saul’s longstanding family tradition, and despite his years of learning untruths lightly sprinkled with truth, he came to realize that salvation for any man, regardless of ethnicity, could only be found in Christ and His church (Ephesians 2:13-18). The Syro-Phoenician woman overcame her pagan background to acknowledge the authority and power of Jesus, and to be among the first to express that the Gospel was *“to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”* (Romans 1:16; cf. Mark 7:24-30). Cornelius overcame his rough Roman military background and complete obliviousness to the Gospel of Christ to become the first Gentile convert to Christ (Acts 10:1-48).

Some claim, “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks.” But not only **can** one continue to learn, one **must** continue to learn: *“That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing in the knowledge of God**”* (Colossians 1:10, emphasis LM).

To Be Continued

Lee Moses

### [What Must I Do To Be Saved?](#)

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10